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Disposition of Claims					
4) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are pending in the app 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are v 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-13 and 16-20</u> is/are rejected 7) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>14</u> is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction	withdrawn from consideration.				
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

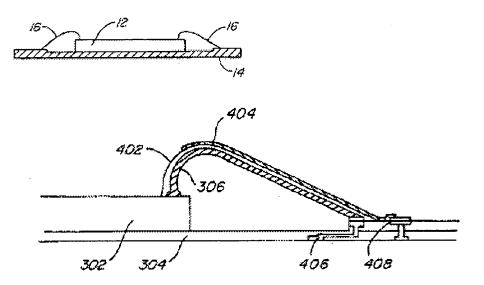
## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- Claims 1-14 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 2. Beatson et al., U.S. Patent 6,608,390 B2.

Beatson discloses a system and a method of fabricating a system as claimed. See FIGS. 1A-4B, where Beatson discloses the following limitations.



3. Pertaining to claim 1, Beatson teaches a system, comprising: a circuit portion, containing more than electrical conductors; and

a wirebonded assemblage, overlying the circuit portion, wherein the wirebonded assemblage

comprises a plurality of wirebonded wires, wherein each of the plurality of wirebonded wires are

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electrically coupled, and wherein the wirebonded assemblage provides electrical shielding for the

circuit portion.

Pertaining to claim 2, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein the circuit portion 4.

comprises at least one of an active component and a passive component (the Examiner takes the

position that the semiconductor die is the active component and the wirebonds are the passive

components which can behave as inductors or capacitors).

5. Pertaining to claim 3, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein the circuit portion

comprises at least a portion of an integrated circuit.

6. Pertaining to claim 4, Beatson teaches a system as in claim I, wherein the plurality of

wirebonded wires comprise at least five wirebonded wires.

7. Pertaining to claim 5, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein the circuit portion

has a non-linear geometry (see FIG. 4B where the conductive layer 404 is not the same

dimension as conductive layer 306).

Pertaining to claim 6, Beatson teaches a system as in claim I, wherein the circuit portion 8.

is located in a cavity of a substrate (see FIG. 1A).

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- 9. Pertaining to claim 7, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein the wirebonded assemblage provides heat spreading for the circuit portion (please note that the extra conductive film will also function as a heat spreader).
- 10. Pertaining to claim 8, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of wirebonded wires is coupled to a predetermined voltage level.
- 11. Pertaining to claim 9, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 8, wherein the predetermined voltage level is approximately ground (column 2, line 31).
- 12. Pertaining to claim 10, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 1, further comprising: a second circuit portion, overlying the wirebonded assemblage.
- 13. Pertaining to claim 11, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 10, wherein the second circuit portion is electrically coupled to the wirebonded assemblage.
- 14. Pertaining to claim 12, Beatson teaches a system as in claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of wirebonded wires is not wirebonded to the circuit portion.
- 15. Pertaining to claim 13, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system as in claim 1, further comprising:

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a second plurality of wirebonded wires electrically coupled to the circuit portion for communicating electrical signals.

- 16. Pertaining to claim 15, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system as in claim 1, further comprising: a conductive layer underlying the circuit portion, wherein the conductive layer is electrically coupled to the wirebonded assemblage to encapsulate the circuit portion.
- 17. Pertaining to claim 19, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system, comprising:
  a circuit portion, containing more than electrical conductors;
  a first wirebonded wire, overlying any two edges of the circuit portion; and
  a second wirebonded wire, overlying any two edges of the circuit portion;
  wherein the first wirebonded wire and the second wirebonded wire are electrically
  coupled, and
  wherein the first wirebonded wire and the second wirebonded wire are used to
  provide electrical shielding for the circuit portion.
- 18. Pertaining to claim 20, <u>Beatson</u> teaches a system as in claim 19, wherein the circuit portion comprises an integrated circuit.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 19. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
  - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

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20. Claims 14 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Gehman et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0195591 A1.

21. The applied reference has a common Assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) might be overcome by: (1) a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not an invention "by another"; (2) a showing of a date of invention for the claimed subject matter of the application which corresponds to subject matter disclosed but not claimed in the reference, prior to the effective U.S. filing date of the reference under 37 CFR 1.131; or (3) an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.130 stating that the application and reference are currently owned by the same party and that the inventor named in the application is the prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104, together with a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). This rejection might also be overcome by showing that the reference is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) as prior art in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). See MPEP § 706.02(l)(1) and § 706.02(l)(2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to increase the integration density of the system by stacking the dies having shielding on top of one another.

### **Objections**

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allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be

any intervening claims.

Conclusion

23. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to W. David Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-1856.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

24. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri can be reached on 571-272-1855. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

25. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent

Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications

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W. David Coleman Primary Examiner

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